

PITTSTON SELECT BOARD MEETING

September 9, 2015

Meeting was called to order by Jane Hubert, Chair, at 6:00.

Those present: Jane Hubert, Jean Ambrose, Roger Linton, Jim Lothridge, Jeannie Lothridge, Ernie Martin, Greg Lumbert, Sam Snow, and Cheryl Peaslee.

Deb M reported an Animal Control training update. She will find out the cost and if the State may pay for the class.

An update on the property at 877 Whitefield Road was given. The owner is aware that people are staying on her property in tents. She gave them permission. They will move in November. Notice of this will be filed.

The plowing of the Town Office Lot/Fire Stations/ Recycling Area contract was reviewed. Sam Snow wants 2 payments per year, January and April. This will be reviewed for next week.

The Roadside Mowing contract will be worked on for next week and be faxed to Mr. Drew for signing.

A meeting is scheduled for 9/18/15 at the Pittston Town Office to meet with Coffin Engineering in regards to a change order from Warren Construction. Jane Hubert will be unable to attend. Deb M. will try to reschedule for 9/23 to be held during the Select Board meeting.

Sam Snow, Road Commissioner reported that the culvert for the Blinn Hill project will be here on 9/10/15. The late arrival of the culvert will make the project go a week longer. The job may end around October 7, 2015.

Sam Snow reported that he has control of the jersey barricades.

Greg Lumbert came in to voice his concern regarding access to road fill that is available when ditching and road work is being done. The Road Commissioner told the resident that he has his name on the list of those who have requested fill and that he would receive some before snow flies.

Greg Lumbert had questions for Sam Snow, Road Commissioner in regards to the repair work that took place on the Mast Road. The issue that was addressed on the Mast Road was water flowing onto the Mast Road from the driveway of Dana Susi, causing an ice issue in winter. Mr. Lumbert reported that repair work on the Susi property was around 60-70 feet, whereas repairs to the end of his driveway was only 4-5 feet. Sam Snow said that this was not the "Town's" water and his only job was to fix the problem that causes the ice. Mr. Lumbert asked if anyone was going to fix his driveway and Mr. Snow replied, "no". Greg Lumbert said that a good job was done on the work at the Susi property.

Sam Snow, Road Commissioner, reported that the culvert on Beech Hill that had been crushed at the time of the fire at the chicken barn, had been replaced. Sam asked which budget will pay for it and Jane Hubert will find out for next week.

Jean Ambrose reported that there will be no safety grant money available for the highway budget from MMA because the Town does not pay worker's comp for this area. This grant could be available for the Fire Department or the Town Office. Jane Hubert will check with Sarah Perkins on which departments are covered by worker's comp, that might qualify for a safety grant.

Sam Snow is setting up sand testing for the sand/salt shed. Salt will be coming to the shed the week of Sept. 14th.

Jean Ambrose and Sam Snow will work on culvert grants with the help of Coffin Engineering or S.W. Cole.

Jim Lothridge asked Sam Snow to look at a culvert on the Old Cedar Grove Road. It is on Sam's list.

Sam Snow met with the Kelleys on Beech Hill Road in regards to the issues with the road.

Sam Snow asked Deb M. to let him know when the plow equipment for the contractors is supposed to be ready for inspection.

Sam Snow will again, ask Warren Construction to email the Town Office in regards to his equipment staying at the Blinn Hill project until complete.

Jane Hubert made a motion to get keys made for the back door for committees. Jean Ambrose 2nd. It was a 3-0 vote. Sarah Perkins will help with this project.

Jane Hubert read a resignation letter from Greg Lumbert, effective Oct. 1, 2015 from the Planning Board and from being Pittston's Fair Hearing Officer.

Roger Linton made a motion to approve the Select Board minutes of Sept. 2, 2015. Jean Ambrose 2nd. It was a 3-0 vote.

Reminder that the next small community meeting will be held in Somerville on Sept. 14, 2015 at 7:00 p.m.

Warrant #35 was signed.

Jane Hubert made a motion to approve preview warrant #36 in the amount of \$7,201.04. Jean Ambrose 2nd. It was a 3-0 vote.

Jane Hubert made a motion to approve payroll warrant #3615 in the amount of \$1502.42. Roger Linton 2nd. It was a 3-0 vote.

Jim Lothridge discussed with the Select Board that he would like to meet with the personnel committee to review procedures in the Town's workings. A questionnaire may be made to see if things could work better.

The Select Board discussed a letter from Greg Lumbert in regards to access to road fill.

Jane Hubert made a motion to adjourn at 7:18. Roger Linton 2nd. It was a 3-0 vote.

Respectfully submitted by: _____

Debbie MacInnes, Secretary for the Board

Approved on: _____

Jane H. Hubert, Selectperson

Mary Jean Ambrose, Selectperson

Roger T. Linton, Selectperson